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LATE NEWS DISPATCHES

IMMIGRATION RESTRICTED IN SOUTH AFRICA

London (J. P. A.)—Reports from Cape Town state that the agitation against immigration, long waged in South Africa, has finally been crowned with success. A bill was passed requiring the immigrant, upon entrance into the country, to possess enough capital to carry him through the first six months of his stay in the country, thus insuring himself against becoming a burden to the community, until he becomes acclimated and succeeds in finding occupation. Thus one more haven of refuge to Jewish immigrants, seeking to flee from persecution, is closed.

POLES WOULD BECOME CHALUZIM

Warsaw (J. P. A.)—According to the Palestine Bureau in this city, Polish laborers and artisans have manifested an interest in emigrating to Palestine. The Palestine Bureau, as well as other Jewish institutions, have been requested, time and again, for information with regard to possibilities in Palestine. This sudden Polish interest in Palestine is attributed to the influence of the Antisemitic propaganda, which constantly emphasises the wealth and power of the Jews. As a result, fanty has been stirred by the thought of Palestine, being once more the land of milk and honey, where they might amass great fortunes.

ENGLISH ANTISEMITES WOULD REPEAL NATURALIZATION LAWS

London (J. P. A.)—A rally was held here yesterday by the Women's League of the Antisemitic organization, "Britons." The chairman of the meeting, General Prescott Decie, said in his address that the country must be purged of the foul miasma of the alien Jew, who has recently flooded England. The meeting passed a resolution, calling upon the government to repeal all naturalization laws granting any privileges to foreigners.

VIENNA RABBIS MAY STRIKE

Vienna (J. P. A.)—The rabbis of this city are organizing a central association, having as its object the improvement of their economic condition. The rabbis' financial status is very unsatisfactory, and it is expected that they will demand higher salaries, and upon refusal of the same, they will be compelled to strike. As was previously reported, the Vienna Kehilla is nearing financial bankruptcy, and it is, therefore, impossible for her to meet the demands of the rabbis.

CATASTROPHE THREATENS JEWISH COLONIES IN RUSSIA

London (J. P. A.)—The "Daily Telegraph," in today's issue, published a report on the distressing situation of the Jewish agricultural colonies in the provinces of Yekaterinoslav and Cherson in Russia. The colonists have no food nor seed left, their storehouses having been destroyed, and their machinery, cattle and horses having been taken away by the roving bands of pogromists. Because of this, schools were compelled to close, and a complete extinction of these colonies is imminent unless immediate relief be brought.

ANTISEMITIC MINISTER CARRIES JEWISH COIN AS CHARM

Budapest (by mail, J. P. A.)—Count Bonfi, the Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs, who is a pronounced Antisemite, always wears about his neck an amulet given him by the orthodox rabbi of Clausenberg, Rabbi Moshe Klausner. The minister firmly believes that this coin blessed by the rabbi, has kept him from harm during all the years of the war, and cherishes it as a most valuable treasure. This was related by the minister himself to a deputation of Jews who visited him to protest against the Antisemitic acts passed by his department. The minister, in reply, produced the amulet to prove that at heart he was not anti-Jewish, and explained the welfare of the nation sometimes demanded laws which did not suit all the Jews.

JEWISH SAGE AND SCHOLAR DEAD

Prague (By mail, J. P. A.)—Professor Isadore Poliack died here recently after a short illness. He was professor for Hebrew literature and Semitic languages in the German university of Prague.

JEWISH UNIVERSITY OPENED IN BUCHAREST

Vienna (J. P. A.)—The first Jewish university in Roumania opened this week in Bucharest. An official representative of the government was present at the dedication ceremonies, and promised an annual government subsidy to aid the university in its work.

Cairo (J. P. A.)—A deputation of local representative Jews recently were given an audience by the Sultan. The deputation requested his excellency to take over the protectorate of the new Jewish hospital, to which request the Sultan graciously acceeded, and paying, at the same time, a tribute of praise and regard to the Jewish loyalty and devotion.

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Suggesting a Policy of Immigration and Canadianization

This article forms the basis of an address delivered before the Gyro Club, Toronto,

BY BARNETT R. BRICKNER

"Where there is no vision the people perish."

THE IMMIGRATION PROBLEM is the basic national concern of Canada. It is conceded that Canada needs the immigrant even as much as the immigrant needs Canada, and why?

The staggeringly large national war debt is entirely too heavy for eight and one-half million people to carry. It would not be unjust for immigrants from other countries, who fought side by side with Canadians, to help shoulder this load. This country requires their productive energies.

Canada possesses 39,000 miles of railroad, comprised in two great parallel systems, which stretch for miles and miles without a visible sign of human life fronting them. It is impossible to make railroads pay under these conditions and it is a pity to waste such excellent opportunities as railroad territories present.

Canada, on account of her vast expanse and geography, cannot and must not remain a sparsely settled country. She cannot afford to be just a small nation. She is destined for vast development and ninety millions of people, instead of close to nine millions is her rightful quota.

What Canada needs is a sound and intelligent immigration policy, one that is visioned and constructive. Instead of such a policy we find confusion of thought or dogmatism or good-natured, breezy ignorance. Intelligent immigration legislation must be framed, and such legislation should be based on three policies, e.g., selection, distribution and incorporation.

Immigration legislation, both in the United States and Canada, in the past has been largely concerned with the negative phase of selection, namely, the exclusion of certain so-called undesirable elements against whom there was prejudice, rather than on the deliberate choice or selection of those elements that would build up the country.

An example of the type of exclusion policy at work is to be found in some of the Orders in Council now operating on the statute books. In the first place there is Privy Council Order No. 23, which requires immigrants to come to Canada by continuous journey. This statute was originally intended to keep the Hindus out of Canada. Instead it is operating in a most unjust and inhumane manner against those immigrants from Europe who could be a tremendous asset to Canada. An immigrant coming from Warsaw, for example, may be compelled to stop his journey at some city en route, due to the illness of himself or family. On his arrival at the Canadian port he is rejected and consigned to deportation, owing to the fact that he cannot produce written proof that will satisfy the immigration officials that his delay was unavoidable. There are any number of cases of this sort happening daily.

Another aspect of this nightmare—P.C. 23—relates to the purchase of steamship tickets by immigrants. There are many European cities and towns in what was once Russia where it is well nigh impossible to procure steamship accommodations, and many immigrants are therefore compelled to buy their tickets in places which are in many instances not within the boundaries of the state of which they are citizens. This is a violation of P.C. 23, and it is a matter of record that last year many immigrants were returned to Europe because their steamship tickets were not bought within their own countries, although it was pointed out to the government that it had been impossible for the immigrant to do this.

P.C. 2668 requiring an immigrant to have a proper passport of the country of which he is a citizen by birth or naturalization, is working untold hardships on those refugee immigrants from the Ukraine and other parts of Europe where there is no stable or centralized government that is authorized to issue passports which would be recognized by our government. An immigrant stakes his very life to flee from such a country, and when denied admission on purely technical grounds, has only the watery depths of the Atlantic to look forward to.

P.C. 2669 requiring an adult immigrant to have $250 on landing is another case in point of stupid regulation. Frequently it happens that immigrants having wealthy relatives in this country, who are willing to guarantee that the immigrant will not become a public charge, are deported if they do not possess the $250 "show money." One often wonders what would have happened to the fathers and grandfathers of our legislators if they had had to contend with such exclusion rules on their arrival here as immigrants.

The 3% immigration quota regulations of the United States is another instance of inhumane, unjust and suicidal legislation. Canada cannot afford to imitate her neighbor to the south in this matter of immigration. The Orders in Council referred to above should be wiped off the statute books. This sort of selective legislation is valueless because it does not select. If Canada is to select her immigrants, the policy should be intelligent and humane?

We agree that Canada can not be asked to throw her gates wide open to the admission of those physically and mentally defective. But we see no sensible reason why Canada should refuse admittance to all those who are strong of body, sane of mind, and willing to work, and whose predecessors in race and religion have proved an asset to the country and showed an ability to adjust to the conditions of their new environment. In this respect the Jews have an admirable record and have nothing to fear.

We are in favor of the appointment of a commission composed of representatives from the three fundamental groups in our country,

the agricultural, the labor, and the industrial, which in conjunction and with the advice of representatives from the different immigrant groups, shall work out after study of the needs of our country, and the available immigrant material in Europe, a constructive policy of selection.

The second necessary policy on which comprehensive immigration legislation should be based is that of distribution. We have been in the habit of deserting the immigrant after he has once been admitted and letting him shift for himself. We have proffered no advice or information as to where it would be best for him to settle and where his efforts and abilities might find the greatest opportunities.

It is contended that the country needs agriculturals. But where is it to get this sort of immigrant? The peasant and farmer of England or Norway will not give up his farm to come here. Canada must transform the available immigrant material, which is largely industrial in character, into agriculturals. This it can do only through making farming attractive and economically promising. History teaches that the best way to Canadianize an immigrant is to give him a stake in the land. The prospect of becoming a farm hand is not enticing. The work is seasonal and unremunerative. Farming to-day is not what it was twenty-five years ago. It has become completely revolutionized. The mail order house, parcel post, good roads, the automobile the labor saving machinery, all have transformed the farm and its life. It requires money to go into farming. To offer free land s not sufficient inducement. What is required is the establishment by the government of a rural banking and credit system, which will through easy loans secure the immigrant a farm and the necessary machinery, buildings, etc., so that he may go to work and in time repay what he has borrowed. But the country needs not only more agricultural workers, but when this present unemployment period is over, she will require more industrial workers. City and farm are reciprocal. They are like the hands of the body which wash and supplement one another. It would therefore be a decidedly near-sighted policy to favor immigrants for the farm and oppose immigrants who would settle in the towns.

The third and final link in the chain of comprehensive immigration legislation is the policy of incorporating the immigrant into his new life. For no matter how careful has been the selection or how skilful the distribution, unless the immigrants are fitted into their new environment with the maximum benefit to their adopted countries and to themselves, they have not become truly incorporated.

This question of incorporation or Canadianization presents a hopeless muddle. To many minds Canadianization is a synonym for Christianization. In a democratic country such as ours, there is no room for such misunderstanding. There are others who demand of the immigrant that immediately upon his settling here he shall erase from his soul all that heredity and culture and environment have written there and amalgamate. They would put the immigrant into an Anglo-Saxon straitjacket, without realizing that people who call themselves democrats eliminate all vestiges of democracy when they compel the immigrant to do this. These Canadianizers are guilty of confounding the concepts of assimilation with amalgamation. When the immigrant amalgamates he is doing something negative—he is destroying all that is good and beautiful in his makeup and by a process of forced and compulsory imitation, which he does badly as a rule, is taking on the tinsel and tawdry colors of his environment. Thereby becoming a cheap copy of his Canadianizers, whereas when he assimilates, he absorbs and digests, he selects and adds them to those spiritual and cultural elements which are his own, the better elements that he finds in his new environment. The process of assimilation is constructive. The immigrant in this process retains his mental, moral and physical equilibrium, the loss of which through amalgamation is most detrimental, both to himself and to the land of his adoption.

Canadianization should therefore proceed on the theory of assimilation rather than on amalgamation. For Canada to become a great nation, Canadians need not all be of one blood, but they should be of one mind. Immigrants who come here should (a) in time learn and use the English language, but not to the exclusion of any other language, which they may foster for cultural or religious purposes. A person of one language is provincial and uncultured. (b) They should give up any political allegiance they may hold to any other state and become citizens and patriots of the land of their adoption, conforming to its laws and customs. Only in this way can Canada develop a homogeneous national spirit. (c) They must learn to work and do business in accredited Canadian ways. The public non-sectarian schools, the press, the stage, custom and convention and the other mediums for the formulation of public opinion, all working consciously in this direction can in due process be depended upon to transform the immigrant into a Canadian.

In the past there has been little or no contact between the native born and the foreign-born. The native-born has somehow regarded the immigrant as an inferior being. He has dubbed him a "wop," or a "hunk," or a "sheeny," as the case may be, and has permitted the immigrant to form little coral islands called "sheeny towns," and "hunk towns," and "wop towns." He has huddled these newcomers into crowded tenements and charged high rentals. He has permitted the immigrant to do all the "dirty work" for him and allowed him to be exploited by the corrupt, conscienceless, peanut politician and "ward heeler." He has urged him to erase all the fine spiritual and cultural possessions of his soul and for them he has substituted jazz, the cheap and vulgar stage and cinema, the yellow press, gum chewing and loud dress. In place of religion and God, we have taught the immigrant the worship of the almighty dollar. Is it any wonder that the immigrant regards the new country of his dreams as dollar land? It is up to us to help fashion that immigrant into the kind of a citizen we would have him be.

There are several theories of assimilation that are proposed. One is the melting pot. According to this theory it is believed that immigrants and native-born are cast into a great seething caldron and that through inter-marriage and the giving up by each ethnic group of that which is unique in it, there will emerge a new type, the future Canadians.

The theory is unreal and undesirable. The situation which developed at the outbreak of the war, in Canada and the United States, proved conclusively that the melting pot had not melted. Besides it would be undesirable to create a dull, drab uniformity. Uniformity spells cultural and physical sterility and stagnation. It paralyzes all the life-giving forces which come through retaining our own distinct personalities and individualities. The melting pot theory would compel ethnic groups which desire to live their own religious and cultural lives to die. This form of compulsion is undemocratic.

The other theory which is proposed is the Federation of Nationalities theory. This would have each immigrant group build a Chinese wall around itself. It would make of Canada a Switzerland, only instead of being composed of three nationalities, each retaining its identity, it would be composed of twenty or thirty. There would be the Irish-Canadian and the French-Canadian and the Russian-Canadian and the English-Canadian, etc., etc., each separate and distinct from the other, retaining their own foreign language, sending their own representatives to Parliament, maintaining their own separate schools, etc., etc. This theory is undemocratic because it leads to indoctrination. It is not conducive to fellowship and free contacts and exchange of ideas. It would make a permanent virtue out of race and old-world prejudices, transferred to the new country. It would stultify Canada's national growth and retard—yea, make impossible—its national progress. To follow this idea of Canadianization would mean not to Canadianize.

The third theory is synthetic in nature. It is the Community theory. This theory recognizes the worth of a unified Canada culturally as well as politically and economically. It emphasizes the need of the immigrant adjusting himself to his environment without at the same time disintegrating. It advocates assimilation in the sense explained above, without amalgamation. It preaches that in the domain of culture and religion, each immigrant group that has something unique to contribute, e.g., the Italian his music and plastic arts, the Englishman his business acumen and genius for democratic government, the Slav his peasant qualities, the Jew his passion for ethics and social justice; in a word, every ethnic group shall give their finest to the making of Canada. It is best illustrated by a symphony orchestra, in which each immigrant group represents a player, playing his own instrument and melody in harmony with every other player, and all producing a wonderful symphony. It is a vision of a Canada in the making, but of a Canada not composed merely of a formless horde of taxpayers and voters, of a set of individuals, each interested in himself alone, but of a Canada, distinct and distinguished, trusted for its loyalty, respected for its dignity, esteemed for its culture, and valued for its ideals. Such a Canada fashioned by the immigrant groups that compose it, will be like the community the prophet saw in his vision: "And marked will be their seed among the nations and their offspring among the people. Everyone that will see them will point to them as a community blessed by the Lord."

Canada has an opportunity to initiate an experiment in nation building that will be a credit and an example to the world.

Barnett R. Brickner

A PARROT AS ANTISEMITIC AGITATOR

Budapest (By mail, J. P. A.)—The local zoological garden has recently acquired a parrot which constantly calls, "filthy Jew, filthy Jew." This parrot was given to the city by the Antisemitic alderman, Ogen Zilahi Kiss. Protests to the city council by the Jewish community proved fruitless.

JEWISH BANK FOUNDED IN HARBIN

Harbin (J. P. A.)—The Chinese Government has chartered a Jewish bank to be established by a group of Jewish merchants in this city. Most of these merchants have come here from Russia, seeking to escape the terror of pogroms and have settled here permanently, endeavoring to build up the Jewish community.

EVERY FRIDAY

People with qualities of the mind; merely, often have innumerable hobbies; those with heart qualities, too, always have at least one, and that is philanthropy. Women whose chief concern outside their homes is for the needy, you will find sewing almost daily at the Girls' Club. They are members of the Council of Jewish Women. There is no glory here, no chairman announcing speakers, no flowers being rushed to the workers; no banners flying nor songs sung. The whir of a half-dozen sewing machines takes precedence over all but necessary conversation, and fingers ply the needle as though the women were doing piece-work. Dresses are being made to be given to the poor by women who snatch time from their homes and children to help the homes and children of other women. Some day when you hear a dry report read about how many dresses were distributed this year, you will know what is back of it, and you will think of what George Ade said one summer: "Some women wear white shoes and others have big feet"; only you'll say it like this: "Some women have time to be useful and others play bridge all the time."

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Dovidel writes in protest against action taken by certain movie houses to discontinue pictures featuring actresses about whom scandal centres. "If they start that," he wails, "there won't be many left besides little Jackie Coogan, who played in 'The Kid.' D. W. Griffith is busy telling the world how virtuous many of the film stars are. Send me a postage stamp and I'll try to fill the back with a sorter of the pure ones." Maybe you'll have room for their pictures, too, Dovidel.

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Rev. D. B. Langford, who has been appointed vicar of "Little Trinity" Church in Toronto, has been head of the Toronto Diocesan Jewish work for seven years. We suggest to those now in charge of this department, that they give their energy and money to the hungry and jobless. The Jews are an enduring race, long accustomed to privation. Perhaps they can worry along this winter without being missionized into the "true" belief.

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Dear F.F.C.: Some women say they don't want their names in the social news. What'll I do? What'll I do?—Personal Mention Editor.

Dearie: Don't agitate yourself like that. Just send their names to this column. We will print them along with such statistics as have to do with how long these people have been able to pay the rent; whether the spoon imperils their eyesight when they guzzle tea; if their children are servant-reared or not; and if they are from out-of-town, just how classy they weren't before they came here. As a sedative for you, we recommend the happy thought that, according to Cornelius Vanderbilt, the millionaire reporter, people who take oaths not to put their parties in the paper are only pretending not to like the stuff, anyway.

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DO YOU REMEMBER ABOUT 25 YEARS AGO WHEN?:

Reform and Orthodox Jews worshipped together at the Holy Blossom Synagog. The prayer-book was of strict orthodox construction, but such concessions as an organ and choir were made towards liberal Judaism. Mr. A. D. Benjamin, wrapped in his tolith, seemed to father the flock of worshippers. He provided with prayer shawls those who had none, and assisted generally in the service. Mr. Benjamin was the leader of the strict orthodox branch of the synagog and attended shool twice every day. After shool on Saturday mornings, Mr. Scheuer and other prominent members of the congregation, took up their duties in the Sabbath school.

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The Council of Jewish Women held an open meeting in Montreal in the Spanish and Portuguese Synagog. Mrs. Meldola De Sola, the president, had much the same troubles as officers of Councils and other organizations have to-day. In delivering her annual address, she said, in part: "Of sixty-seven members enrolled, only twelve have been active so far. The remaining members have been content to attend public meetings only, and, may I venture to suggest, have criticized the work done by the twelve."

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The first Jewish girl in the Empire to be admitted to the bar was Miss Ethel R. Benjamin, of Otaga University, New Zealand. She graduated at the head of her class.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leo Frankel and family returned from a continental trip, and, incidentally, the Messrs. Frankel established their business branch in Montreal.

—F.F.C.

Anti-Jewish Prejudice

By HERBERT J. SAMUEL

Anti-Jewish prejudice is noticeably growing in Canada. Its manifestation, whether in word or deed, is no longer incidental or local. It no longer savors of the loose reasoning of the individual who generalizes from a single unhappy experience. It is widespread and propaganda-fostered. It is getting beyond the stage when the personal influence of an individual can cope with it. The day of the "White Jew" and the "best friend" is passing. It is becoming a movement, an accepted philosophy, a definite policy. The literature inspiring and directing it covers a wide range. Behind it there is a methodically working organization. It is not far from developing into a serious persecution.

Anti-Jewish prejudice can be classified under distinct heads.

There are the doctrinaires, arguing from preconceived notions, plodding their sticky way through the mud of calumny, persistent in their disregard of the exposure of the false and fabricated nature of their "facts."

There are the politicians who cry "Jews" to damage the other side, and who crucify a race for their own malicious intrigues.

There are the scaremongers and sensation hucksters, indulging in high-volted language and hysterical percentages.

There are the "observers" and "citizens" and "patriots" who "tremble for the ark of the Lord" in the paranoea of hallucination.

"There are the "Saviours of Society" whose criticism of what they cannot rightly understand is an insidious persecution.

There are the rank and file who suffer from what Nordau calls Xenophobia, and Zangwill the "dislike of the unlike."

There are those, and in large numbers too, who, without the capacity to enquire, are led astray by what they read or are told.

It is futile to dismiss the question of anti-Jewish prejudice by attributing it to the present general unrest. Its source lies far deeper. Its appearance in the Anglo-Saxon world to-day is attributable to the same causes that conditioned it in earlier stages of the world's history. There are no fresh causes. The cant righteousness which underlies anti-Jewish prejudice is symtomatic of a civilization at a low ebb. It is symptomatic of a civilization not confident in itself, of a civilization dissatisfied with itself, but unable or unwilling to throw off its inherent defects, of a civilization reactionary and fearful of progress, of a civilization seeking existence through the destruction of others.

In studying the phenomena of Anti-semitism, we have to keep in mind two particular aspects; its relation to ourselves and its relation to the country of which we are citizens. Careful examination of the complaints made against the Jews will show that, though something is undoubtedly out of order, it is not the Jews who are the cause, but rather the effect (perhaps in intensified form) and the victims. Anti-Semitism is a smoke screen which has to be penetrated. Behind it lurk movements that are not upwardly progressive, for the anti-Jewish mind is after all an anti-social mind.

In an essay, written in 1912, on the persecutions of the Jews in Russia, Professor A. V. Dicey says: "Tyranny is producing the most terrible of its hateful results; despotic power first degrades its victims and then defends its own existence by the plea that its victims are unworthy of freedom or of justice."

What Professor Dicey calls despotic power is not an exclusive characteristic of autocratic government. Influences of a similarly corrupting nature can be recognized in far more democratic systems of society.

It is in this light that the expressed opinions derogatory to the Jews in Canada must be considered. Candid discussion is necessary, but without the panic mentality into which we are often driven. Panic mentality is like the struggling of a man caught in a quicksand. The more he struggles the deeper he is drawn in. Panic mentality is the attitude of those sauve qui peut Jews who attempt to secure a tolerance by a far too ready acquiescence in the allegations made against "the others." Panic mentality is the attitude of those well-meaning defenders who join in the fray with unequal weapons, badly chosen and worse handled.

An Indian legend tells of a Brahmin who was carrying a goat on his shoulder. Three knaves who saw him conceived a plan to get easy possession of the goat. Dispersing, they went to meet the Brahmin singly and at intervals. "Why do you carry that dog on your shoulder?" asked the first. "Dog!" said the Brahmin, "it is a goat for sacrifice." A little later the second came up and said, "What doest thou with that dog, Master?" The puzzled Brahmin laid his goat on the ground, looked it over carefully, took it up again, and walked on in perplexity. When the third knave questioned him about the dog, he threw it down, bathed to rid himself of the contamination, and went home, while the knaves secured and cooked the goat. That was panic mentality.

There is another danger which has to be squarely faced. A much employed method of our detractors is to twist the writings of Jews on Jewish questions. This contemptible persecution of those who attempt to elevate their brethren is resorted to by not a few who claim to be protecting Christian ethics.

The Jewish preacher and moralist, like every other preacher and moralist, criticizes the shortcomings of the people he is anxious to guide. Musar is the legitimate style, on occasion, of rabbi, pastor and priest alike.

But the musar of the rabbi is being used as evidence by the scavengers who pose as the guardians of the decencies of civilization. Before we can lend ourselves to the task of eradicating the the effects of Christian civilization, as interpreted by the Muscovite and practised by the pogromchik, we must demand of the Christian civilization which claims to be superior that it first rid itself of the poisonous disseminator of race hatred.

Public opinion in Canada must be made to clear the way for those of us who know our people, and work among them, to bring to them an appreciation of the true nature of the civilization to which they are turning for opportunity, hitherto denied them. Our Anti-Defamation work just now is not to defend or apologize for the Jew, but to ask our fellow citizens for their explanation of their own attitude to their own institutions, and say, "physician, heal thyself."

These are the only lines on which we can work.

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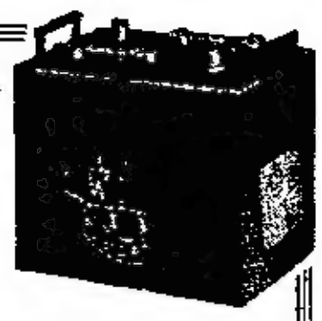

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MONTREAL

A soiree is just a soiree—lil' talk, lil' music, lil' dancing—unless, of course, it happens to be given by the Nalit Circle. Then, atmosphere is the thing—whole oodles and oodles of it! The girls of the Nalit Circle conceived the idea of holding a Japanese soiree on February 19, in the banquet hall of the Baron de Hirsh Institute. The proceeds were given to the Keren Hayesod Foundation Fund. The hall was transformed from its golden-oak "yellowishness" into the cosiest of Japanese fairylands. Gayly-colored lanterns, brilliant parasols, hand-painted fans, incense (for where, O where, is atmosphere sans incense?), vari-tinted streamers thrown "every-which-way" among the dancing couples—all made a pretty scene. The Nalit girls, clad in the most gorgeous of chrysanthemum costumes, minced from table to table, serving dainties with true oriental hospitality. Quite the feature of the evening was the fortune-telling. At a tremendous expenditure of time, energy and money (isn't that the way D. W. Griffiths announces a new super-production?) the Nalit Circle arranged to receive the collaboration of the seers for one evening. A daughter of the Orient, tea-cup in hand, recited this little verse:

If your future you would know,
Drain your tea-cup very low;
In your left hand hold it, then
Three times slowly turn it. When
Upside down in your saucer turn it;
Your fortune? From our Japs you'll
learn it!

With an earnestness, born of true belief, we followed all directions. Then with a prayerful heart we looked into our cup, and found—nary a tea-leaf! The girls of the Nalit Circle—Misses Goldye Louis (president), Lillian Kert, Bobby Rosovitch, Naomi Miller, Annie Louis, Esther Levitt, Una Scheter, Sarah Rosenthal, and Mildred Joseph—are to be congratulated on their cleverness and ingenuity.

The results of the recent elections of Montreal Young Judaea are as follows: President, Philip Joseph; vice-president, Moe Levitt; secretary, Sam Michaels; treasurer, Alec Shayne; assistant treasurer, Harry Batshaw; executive, Jack Feigenbaum, Reuben Michaels, Lillian Kert, Sarah Hoichberg, Leon Creshtohl, and Bernard Figler. The splendid work of this Zionist organization is, perhaps, not universally known. To date, seventy junior groups throughout the city have been formed. A leaders' circle, composed of older members, provides leaders who meet regularly with these clubs. There is nothing, however, of the "silent partner" attitude about Young Judaea. Its members have contributed $2,000 towards the Keren Hayesod. At present, five of its members have taken up life in Palestine. It is expected that quite a little contingent will join their Palestinean brethren this spring.

No! Not "black and tan"! Just "black and white"—all shades and sizes in the lot. Here's the cast for the black-face minstrel show to be given by the Temple Emanu El Brotherhood: Carl Lewis, Edgar Frankel, Jason Neumann, Harold Neumann, Leo Neumann, Melvin Levi, Sam Horowitz, Joe Horwirtz, Maurice Latz, Jack Shatsky, Harry Diamond, Jack Klein, Joe Goldman, J. Glickman, S. D. Lewis, Abe Abrahams, Fulan, Al Goldberg, Harry Brown, Kellnor, King, Ginsberg. The minstrel show, followed by an informal dance, will take place on the evening of March 2, at the Windsor Hotel. Proceeds in aid of University Settlement. Last call!

A neighborhood Boy Scout troop is being formed with Temple Emanu El as a headquarters, with Mr. Reuben Ginsberg as scoutmaster, and Mr. Gene Kruger as assistant scoutmaster. The registration will shortly be completed, and a charter secured. Boys in the neighborhood of scout age may reach Mr. Ginsberg, care of Temple Emanu El.

On Friday, February 24, Lord and Lady Byng of Vimy visited the Baron de Hirsch Institute at three o'clock. Mr. Mark Workman and Mr. Lyon Cohen received Their Excellencies. A guard of honor was formed by a local troop of Boy Scouts. The Governor-General and his party were taken through the building where regular routine work was in progress. Those invited to be present were the trusttees of Federation and the directors of Constituent Societies. Mr. Lionel Covienisky had charge of all arrangements.

The last meeting of the Young People's Society of the Shaar Hashomayim Synagog marked the annual reunion of the graduates and undergraduates of McGill University at the society. As usual, the two bodies clashed in a debate. The subject—"Resolved, that the mentality of the Jew leans more to conservatism than to radical tendencies"—was upheld by Bernard J. Cohen and Joseph Goldsmith, representing the undergraduates. On the negative side were Dr. Harold Segall and Adolf Gardiner, B.A., B.C.L., representing the graduates. A song by Miss Hazel Hoffman and a piano solo by Jack Bonavitsky completed the program. Mr. and Mrs. A. Z. Cohen and Mr. and Mrs. Michael A. Michaels formed the reception committee.

The Young People's League of the Chevra Kadisha Synagog held their monthly meeting on February 21. Rev. Dr. H. Abramovitz delivered an address. Miss Rose Lazare sang, Miss Sylvia Fish recited, and Miss Pauline Kanigsberg rendered a piano solo. The Z.B.Y. orchestra provided dance music.

Miss Bessie Viner and Mrs. S. Rothman were hostesses at the last meeting of the Hadassah Young Ladies' Zionist and Literary Society. Mrs. D. H. Bernstein read an extremely well-written paper on Heinrich Heine.

Miss E. Meyerovitch presided at a meeting of the Menorah Chapter of Hadassah of Lachine. Miss Fanny Bramson read an interesting paper, "Existence of Zionism Long before Time of Herzl." Miss Novick, B.A.,

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translated a Hebrew poem. Misses J. Signer and D. Segal were the hostesses for the evening.

Place—office of Family Welfare Department, Federation of Jewish Philanthropies.

Time—one winter afternoon, late.

Characters—one social service worker and one small five-months old baby.

Foreword—Parents of infant were dependent on Federation for support. Father had been placed in an asylum for the insane; mother was dangerously ill in a hospital; which left one five-months-old baby completely and absolutely alone. After much brain-work, the Family Welfare Department hit upon the excellent plan of boarding the infant with a healthy widow—a sort of modified baby-farm, as it were! To get to the home of this widow, one travels by street-car. It was all very simple, as they explained to the social worker who was to carry the baby to the house of its foster-mother. Which brings us to the story.

The car was crowded with the usual six o'clock mob. Clutching the baby, two blankets, a feeding-bottle, a note-book, and her dignity, the social worker bravely entered the car. There she re-arranged baby, blankets and bottle, etc., etc. (managing still to cling to her dignity) as she paid her fare. Three gentlemen, with a "Women and children first"-"Do it now" expression on their faces, rose and gave her their seats. By this time the child was squalling. Another rapid shift: this time note-book and blankets thrust into the dim background, with the feeding-bottle coming to the fore. (There was no longer any trouble with her dignity—"it had went.") Then came a rapid, firm but gentle, wiggly motion that brought the baby from the crook of one arm to a sitting posture: next a long-drawn wail that travelled motor-man-wards and re-echoed amongst the advertisements. The social service worker swears she was never before so completely the center of attraction. The sporting-page had lost its charm for the no-longer-casual strap-hanger. Criticism was flying fast and sure. She heard one woman say: "Yes; the brat does look mentally deficient. Probably lack of care. These young mothers are so ignorant! Something really ought to be done." Finally, she could bear it no longer, and got off the car three long blocks ahead of her destination. Trudge! Trudge!! Trudge!!!

This incident is not worrying our friend, the social worker, at all. She feels that she can live it down—if she lives long enough, that is. What does worry her is this: When the time comes to return that baby to its mother, WHO is going to call for it?

Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Myers, Cote St. Antoine Road, are sailing from New York on the "S.S. Paris" for Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kwalwasser were "at home" to their friends on the occasion of the betrothal of their daughter, Celina, to Louis H. Bernstein of Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Rotsky were presented with a silver tea-service on the occasion of a wedding anniversary by the executive staff of the Allen Theatre.

Mr. W. M. Zelenko, of the Zelenko Camp for Boys, was a guest at the Ritz-Carlton during a short visit to Montreal.

Mr. Moses H. Shalinsky, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Shalinsky, Dorchester Street West, has returned from New York.

Mrs. D. L. Cohen, "The Ruxton," entertained at bridge at the Greenwich Shop, Guy Street.

The marriage of Miss Freda Sommer and Mr. Harry Soskin was solemnized at the Austro-Hungarian Synagog.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Solomon, who have returned from an extended trip to Atlantic City and the southern states, have taken up their residence on Vendome Avenue.

Mrs. Felix Lewis has returned from a trip to Atlantic City.

Mrs. Mendies, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Sam Silver, for the past few weeks, has returned to her home in New York.

Mrs. Saminsky and Mrs. Schoolmaker, of Troy, N.Y., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Harris, of Chomedy Street.

Mrs. Charles C. Hershon, Outremont Court Apartments, has returned from new York.

Mr. Charles C. Hershon, vice-president of the Canada Life Assurance Company's Quarter Million Club, has returned from St. Augustine and Ormand Beach, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Wyzanski, of Boston, Mass., are visiting their daughter, Mrs. A. E. Workman, Chomedy Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ferester, 604 Riverside Drive, New York, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Edith, to Mr. Benjamin Moscovitch.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Goldman wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Rose, to Mr. M. Russell Grelinsten, Hutchison Street.

The marriage of Miss Bertha Josepho, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Josepho, to Mr. Saul Berman, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. H. Abramovitch, was solemnized at Stretton Hall, the Rev. Dr. H. Abramovitch officiating.

OTTAWA

At a joint meeting of the Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Association, held on Thursday, February 16, the following resolution was passed unanimously: "Resolved, that this meeting of the members of the Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Associations, favors the purchase of the property known as 240 Daly Avenue, as recommended by the Building Committee, for the sum of $25,000.00, and that the President and Secretary of the Young Men's Hebrew Association be empowered to sign the agreement of purchase in the name of the Young Men's Hebrew Association." The size of the lot is 66 feet by 200 feet, 66 feet on Daly and Stewart Streets and 200 feet on Friel Street. The lot is sufficiently large to provide for any additions to the present structure which may be necessary in the near future.

A tea and money shower, held over the week-end by the Y.W.H.A. at their headquarters, the King Edward Hebrew Institute, was most successful, both from point of attendance and financially. The guests were received by Miss C. Kert, the president; Miss H. Kaminsky, chairman of social committee; and Miss R. Sugarman, the chairman of the house committee. Mesdames Charles Kert and Jack Bilsky presided over the tea-table, which was prettily centred with spring flowers.

The Hadassah Chapter of Ottawa held their annual meeting on Sunday afternoon, when officers for the ensuing term were elected. The reports submitted by the different committees showed that the Chapter was very active in the cause of Zionism during the past year. Mrs. A. J. Freiman was unanimously re-elected president, and several other officers were also re-elected by acclamation. Officers for the coming year include: First vice-president, Mrs. L. Leiken; second vice-president, Mrs. A. Kert; third vice-president, Mrs. D. Friendly; recording secretary, Mrs. J. J. Marks; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. N. Nathanson; treasurer, Miss Anna Freedman; members of the executive council, Mesdames A. H. Coplan, L. Davis, H. Cooper, S. Edelstein, J. Holzman and Miss I. Levin. The following members were appointed as representatives to the Zionist Council: Mesdames A. H. Coplan, L. Leiken, M. Wener, E. Spector, R. Kaminsky, J. Holzman, B. Smith, M. Shenkman, J. J. Marks, J. N. Nathanson, A. J. Frieman and Misses Ada and Helen Avelson and Olive Pullan. Mrs. L. Leiken was appointed as convener of articles for the bazaar. In a few but well chosen remarks, touching reference was paid by the president to the memory of five of the members who passed away during the year. These were Mrs. R. Epstein, Mrs. M. Mirson, Mrs. K. Leibovitch, Mrs. L. Miller and Mrs. E. Sugarman.

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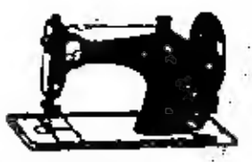

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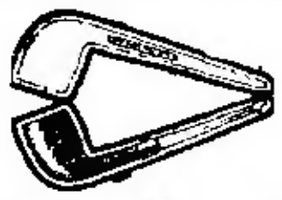

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Mr. and Mrs. Louis Minden, 22 Dunsmure Avenue, gave the use of their beautiful home for a bridge and dance in aid of the Deborah Ladies' Aid of Anshe Sholom. About one hundred guests were present. A dainty buffet supper was served. A substantial sum was realized for the society.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Sideraki are guests at the Majestic Hotel, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the Beth Jacob Synagog on Sunday, February 12, when Jeanne, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Goldstein, of this city, became the bride of Fred, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Lepofsky, of Toronto. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a beautiful white satin dress with silver trimmings, her veil being a crown of old lace, trimmed with pearls, and she carried a bouquet of sweetheart roses. She was attended by Miss Margaret Lepofsky, sister of the groom, as maid of honor. Little Miss Norma Jacobs acted as train-bearer, and two little sisters of the bride as flower-girls. The groom was supported by Mr. Josephs, a cousin of the bride. After the ceremony, a reception was held in the Synagog chambers, where Mr. and Mrs. Goldstein received. The happy couple left for Buffalo and Detroit. On their return they will reside in Streetsville. Many out-of-town guests were present from Toronto, Streetsville, and Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. S. Freshman gave a handkerchief shower on Monday afternoon at her home, 22 Hazel Avenue, for the bazaar and dance the Hadassah Chapter will hold on February 21.

Miss Mollie Triester gave a delightful valentine party on Tuesday evening, at her home, 65 Spadina Avenue. An enjoyable time was spent in dancing.

Miss R. L. Meyers, Buffalo, N.Y., is visiting her niece, Miss Sara Mintz, 244 James Street South.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Harris, London, Ontario, are spending the week-end with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Soskin, 95 Myrtle Avenue.

Master Myron Kornreich, 27 Balsam Avenue South, gave a marble shower, inviting the boys and girls of Young Judaea to take part. The shower was for the Hadassah bazaar, which will be held on Tuesday, February 21, in the Arcade, James Street North.

The valentine dancing party, held on Thursday evening, February 16, in the Rose Room of the Arcade, under the auspices of the Beth Jacob Social Circle, was a huge success. About two hundred people were present. Prizes for dancing were awarded to Miss Ida Florence and Mr. Cecil Kitchener. Refreshments were served during intermissions. Stewart's orchestra supplied the music. The officers of the Circle are: David A. Robinson, president; Philip Walters and Miss Marie Hochberg, vice-presidents; A. Walters and Miss Minnie Isaacs, secretaries; Morley Goldblatt, treasurer.

The committee in charge of the dance included Miss Maimie Robinson, David Davidovitz, A. Chertkoff, Miss Freda Kortsman, and Miss Matilda Davidovitz. During the evening a presentation was made to Mr. David Robinson, in honor of his twentieth birthday. Among the out-of-town guests present were Mr. and Mrs. S. Harris, London; Mr. and Mrs. Hyman, London; Miss Ida Florence, Kitchener; and Miss Esther Eisen, Toronto.

The many friends of Mrs. H. Frieman, 67 Proctor Boulevard, will be pleased to hear that she is recovering from her recent illness.

Mrs. M. Silverman, 32 Blake Street, gave a towel shower for the Hadassah bazaar.

Young Judaeans of Hamilton celebrated Chamisho Osor B'Shevat on Sunday last. Each child had been instructed previously to bring a toy for the Palestinian children, and a goodly number of toys was the result. The children were entertained by the minstrel troup, composed of boys of the Hatikvah Circle. Songs and recitations were given by the members of the various circles; refreshments were served. The leaders in charge of the affair were Miss Rose Halpern, Miss Belle Goldblatt, and Miss Maimie Robinson.

Miss Belle Cohen, 145 Sherman Avenue South, is visiting her sister in Buffalo.

Mrs. S. Lyons, 44 Beulah Avenue, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Mort Levy, 74 Barton Avenue, Toronto.

Miss Leala Steinberg, 1 Emerald Street South, motored to Toronto last Tuesday with friends, where she spent a few days with Mrs. Max Axler, Palmerston Boulevard.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Beube motored to Toronto on Sunday in company with Mrs. Moe Levy.

Miss Selina Harris is spending her vacation in Buffalo and Rochester.

Mr. and Mrs. Silverman, Mr. and Mrs. M. Simon, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Goldberg were in Toronto last week, attending the clothiers' convention at the King Edward Hotel

The Deborah Ladies' Aid of Anshe Sholom congregation have arranged to hold a dance on March 14, in the Rose Room of the Arcade, the proceeds to be entirely for charity.

Mrs. Charles Levinson and Miss Hilda Goldblatt are visiting friends in Buffalo.

Mrs. J. Berger, 101 Garfield Avenue South, held a shower for the Hadassah bazaar at her home last week.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF JAFFA POGROM MISREPRESENTS EDER'S TESTIMONY

London (J. P. A.)—The official government report of the Jaffa pogrom incorrectly presented Dr. Eder's testimony on the witness stand. According to the stenographic report, Dr. Eder is represented as declaring that whereas the Jews of Palestine should be permitted to carry arms, the Arabs should, by no means, be allowed such privileges because experience has demonstrated that weapons in the hands of the Arabs are too often employed for plunder and murder, while the Jews use the same for self-protection only.

JEWISH ART EXHIBITION IN PALESTINE

Jaffa (J. P. A., by mail)—Under the direction of Jacob Firman, an exhibition of Jewish art was recently opened here, at which the works of famous Jewish painters and sculptors of the Diaspora, as well as of Palestine, are on display. Among the exhibitors are Professors Schatz of the Bezallel School of Art, Konstantinovsky, Pann and others.

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The members of the Jewish Girls' Club were entertained at a valentine party at the club-rooms which were bright with valentine decorations. A pleasant program was arranged including recitations, piano selections and vocal solos. Dancing and refreshments followed.

An enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Mrs. H. Cohen, 406 Bloor Street West, Sunday, when Mrs. Cohen and Mrs. M. Rosen gave a surprise party in honor of Mrs. M. Fuller. Mrs. Fuller was presented with a beautiful string of pearls by her husband and many pretty gifts from her relatives and friends. A buffet supper was served. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing.

Mrs. B. Silverberg, Olive Avenue, was hostess at bridge Tuesday evening.

Miss Berenson, of Chicago, is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. D. Berenson, Constance Avenue.

Mrs. Frank Becker, Joffre Apartments, has as her guest Miss Anna Schaffer of New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Levinter, Bloor Street West, gave a birthday party Sunday in celebration of their daughter Edith's fourth birthday. Eighteen children made merry by reciting plays and dancing.

Mrs. H. Mendelson will be hostess at the meeting of the Rose Chapter of Hadassah, Monday afternoon at the Primrose Club.

Miss Elizabeth Wladowsky, Brunswick Avenue, has returned from a visit to Ottawa.

Mr. A. Rosenthal, St. George Street, spent a week in Quebec attending a convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Papernick have returned from their honeymoon after spending two weeks visiting cities in the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Bennett, Indian Grove, had as their guests, Mr. Otto Kleinberg, who is a brother of Mrs. Bennett and president of the McGill Menorah Society, and Mr. Harold Batshaw of McGill Faculty of Law, while here for the Intercollegiate Menorah debate.

At a bridge and whist given by the Toronto Daughters of Zion, the guests numbered two hundred and fifty. They were received by Mrs. Joshua Smith, Miss Anna Brankstone and Mrs. M. Schleifer. Mrs. Smith entertained with several vocal solos. Miss Naomi Granatstein gave piano numbers and Master Hutner also contributed to the pleasure of the evening with a few violin selections. The prize winners were: Mrs. N. Helpert, Mrs. L. Bright, Mrs. Aaron, Miss Gould, Mrs. Rotenberg, Mrs. Rotstein, Mrs. Maldaver and Miss Freeda Wolfish. Luncheon was served.

The seventh annual banquet and formal dance of the Judah Girls was held Monday night at the Carls-Rite, when about 60 young people enjoyed a merry evening. Mrs. H. J. Rabow and Mr. C. R. Benjamin received the guests. Miss J. Narofsky presided at the dinner and acted as toastmistress. Mrs. Charles Benjamin proposed a toast to the gentlemen, and was responded to by Mr. Charles Benjamin, who gave a toast to the ladies, and Miss E. Stein gave a toast to mothers. Miss Narofsky gave a short address on club activities, which was very interesting. A few delightful vocal solos were rendered by Miss F. Silverman and Messrs. Harry Swartz and Isadore Jaffy. The Novelty Sextette Orchestra gave a finishing touch to the evening's entertainment with music which was full of "pep." Amongst those present were: Mrs. H. Benjamin, Mrs. H. Rosenfield and Mrs. D. Tobias; Misses Q. Cohen, F. Eisner, A. Frankel, S. Feinsod, V. Finkle, S. Gutzen, T. Goldhart, S. Gallander, S. Garvice, D. Goldman, E. Kurtz, C. Miller, K. Nurick, L. Rothstein, R. Rosenfield, F. Silverman, I. Seltzer, F. Thomas; Messrs. H. Benjamin, W. Cohen, Cohen, D. Duitch, Dennison Finkle, C. Foster, Geo. Feinsod, J. Goldhart, S. Goldenberg, H. Samuels, I. Jaffy, Kurtz, H. Lester, C. Markowitz, Mannis, L. Phillips, H. Rabow, H. Rosenfield, L. Rosenfield, P. Salkowitz, H. Swartz, D. Tobias, H. White, S. Zeldin.

Miss Florence Dunkelman entertained her friends at her home Grace Street, Sunday.

Mrs. Harry Kauffman, Osgoode Mansions, was hostess at bridge Friday afternoon.

Mrs. A. Rogul, 45 Beatrice Street, has returned from New York where she spent three weeks.

A jolly theatre party was arranged by Mr. M. Fuller, Friday, in honor of Mrs. Fuller's birthday. Refreshments were served at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Ross, of Picton, Ont., are spending a few days in the city with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Beder, 68 High Park Avenue, gave a dinner Sunday in honor of the engagement of their daughter Essie to Mr. David Davidson. Covers were laid for thirty-six. The table was prettily arranged with spring flowers and shaded candles in pink and white.

Mr. William Maizor, of Montreal, was visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. Goldberg, 366 Markham Street.

Miss Kate Berris entertained at her home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Beube, of Hamilton, spent Sunday with the mother of the latter, Mrs. D. Stein.

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An enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman, 826 College Street, when they gave a party in honor of their son Bernie's eighth birthday. The many little guests were entertained by Bernie's aunt, little Sadie Striesfield, with recitations.

Among those who attended the convention at the King Edward Hotel were Mr. and Mrs. Silverman, Mr. and Mrs. M. Simon, Mr. and Mrs. E. Goldberg.

Mr. Charles H. Cohn, of New York, visited at the King Edward Hotel this week.

Mrs. S. Riman, 66 Brunswick Avenue, entertained at bridge during the week. A dainty lunch was served.

Two interesting affairs will be held, one on Saturday morning March 4, at the services of the McCaul St. Synagog when a Bar Mitzvah will take place. Addresses will be made in Hebrew. On Sunday, March 4, at 2.30 P.M. at the Libeivitzer Synagog, corner Grange and Dundas, a dedication to a Holy Scrolls written by Jacob Soloway will take place. The proceeds of the affairs will go solely for the benefit of the Hebrew Religion School.

Miss Evelyn Wilson, Walmer Road, entertained at her home Sunday evening.

Miss Esther Wolfe, of New York, who has been a guest at the Isabella Hotel, left Friday to visit friends in Montreal.

Mr. H. Rotenberg, Mr. J. J. Allen and Mr. Jule Allen are spending a few days in New York.

Mrs. L. Marrus, Russell Hill Road, entertained Tuesday at the Primrose Club at bridge. Mrs. Marrus wore a becoming black headed gown with corsage bouquet of sweet peas and was assisted by Mrs. H. A. Kauffman dressed in black lace. Eleven tables were played. The prize winners include Mrs. M. Mehr, first prize; Mrs. A. Isaacson, second prize; Mrs. B. Kauffman, third prize, and Mrs. S. Fremes.

Dr. and Mrs. L. J. Solway have taken up their residence at 341 St. Clair Avenue West.

Mr. Benjamin Fox, Brunswick Avenue, entertained at an informal dance in honor of the Intercollegiate Menorah debaters, Mr. Otto Klineberg and Mr. Harold Batshaw, of the McGill Menorah Society, and Mr. Cohen and Mr. Abinovitch, representatives of McGill University to the assault-at-arms.

Mrs. Mort. Levy, 74 Barton Avenue, had her sister, Mrs. S. Lyons, of Hamilton, with her Sunday.

Mrs. Max Axler, Palmerston Boulevard, had as her guest Miss Leila Steinberg, of Hamilton.

Mrs. I. H. Siegel, Lee Avenue, entertained Sunday in honor of Miss Sue Halpern.

Mrs. I. M. Lederman, 705 Ossington Avenue, was "at home" Wednesday afternoon last in honor of her sister, Miss Sara Griesman, of Winnipeg. Mrs. L. Griesman poured the tea, and Miss Sue Halpern cut the ices. Others assisting were Mrs. D. Fauman, Miss Augusta Kennan, Miss Jennie Enushevsky, Miss Malca Halpern, Miss Sadie Griesman and Misses Florence and Pearl Lubelsky.

The annual ball of the Mount Sinai A.F. & A.M. No. 522, in the Crystal Ball Room, King Edward Hotel, Thursday, February 16, was pronounced by all a pleasant and delightful event of the season. The guests were received at the entrance to the ball room by Bro. J. B. Danson and Mrs. Danson. An excellent orchestra was in attendance. The ladies were presented with souvenir leather program cases. Supper was served in the oak room. The guests present included Mr. and Mrs. Louis Singer, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hansher, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Stein, Mr. I. Finberg, Miss Helen Finberg, Mr. and Mrs. A. Singer, Mr. N. Phillips, Mr. Harry Bachrack, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Danson, Miss Ruth Bachrack, Mr. J. Harris, Mr. Charles Pritzker, Mr. J. H. Greenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fremes, Mr. B. Luxenberg, Rabbi and Mrs. Brickner, Mr. R. Cohen, Miss Ella Fremes, Miss Lillian Lorie, Mr. and Mrs. A. Levy, Miss L. Levy, Mr. Max Cooper, Mr. Lawrence Finberg, Miss Alma Levy, Miss Esther Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Glass, Dr. M. Schwartz, Miss Mildred Lubelsky, Mr. Murray Wilson, Miss Evelyn Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Fox, Mr. A. Clavir, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Garrard, Mr. and Mrs. William Krangel, Mr. and Mrs. B. Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. I. Kaplan, Miss Anna Eisen, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Green, Miss Sara Griesman, of Winnipeg; Mr. Harold Levi, Mrs. I. Levi, Miss Minnie Smith, Mr. and Mrs. N. Rosenberg, Miss Sue Halpern, Mr. George Yanover, Mr. M. Goodman, Miss Yanover, and Mr. H. Smith.

Mr. T. Myerson, of New York, was a guest at the King Edward Hotel while in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Gellman, of Niagara Falls, N.Y., Mr. and Mrs. A. Hartman, of Detroit, and Mr. Wilder, of Detroit, were guests in the city for the Wilder-Hartman wedding.

Mr. J. A. Jonas, Haverhill, Mass., spent a few days at the King Edward Hotel while here for the Asner-Centner Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Lunenfeld and Miss Ida Lunenfeld, of Galt; Miss E. Cyglen, of Meaford, and Mr. H. Lehr, of Washington, D.C., were in town for the marriage of Miss Sylvia Centner to Mr. Joseph Asner.

Miss Sarah Cohen, Lewis Street, entertained her friends Saturday evening.

Miss Sophie Cohen gave a party at her home, Nassau Street, Sunday evening.

Miss Sarah Bronstein has returned from a two months' visit to her sister in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Grossman, of 41 Ulster Street, gave a farewell dinner on February 12, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. D. Grossman, of Beatrice Street, who are leaving for California. Mr. and Mrs. D. Grossman were presented with beautiful gifts by many relatives and friends present.

Miss Fannie Feldstein, Close Avenue, has returned from a visit to Chicago.

A delightful handkerchief shower was given Sunday by Miss Maud Wolgruch and Mrs. J. H. Englander, at the home of Mrs. Englander, in honor of Miss Rebecca White, whose marriage will take place this month.

Mrs. H. J. Manheim, Euclid Avenue, entertained Wednesday afternoon at bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cohen, 54 Wellsboro Apartments, will return Tuesday from Chicago, where they are spending the week with Mr. Cohen's parents, and Dr. and Mrs. Jacob Viner. Dr. Viner, who is a professor of economics in the University of Chicago, formerly was from Montreal, where he recently filled the position of Dr. Stephen Leacock during the latter's leave of absence abroad.

On Friday last Mr. and Mrs. Merker entertained at dinner Scoutmaster Mr. Sim, late of the 59th Jewish Cub Pack, who was in the city for the Provincial Scout officers' Conference, at the King Edward Hotel.

Miss Dollie Cohen was hostess at a delightful bridge at her home, 98 Blythewood Road, Wednesday last. The rooms were gay with Valentine decorations. A dainty lunch was served. Some of the prize winners were Miss Helen Finberg, Miss Copp, Miss E. Keyfetz, Miss Dorothy Yanover and Miss Florence Finberg. The out-of-town guests were Mrs. J. Ruben, Hamilton, and Miss Copp, of Winnipeg.

Mrs. Charles Draiman, Howland Avenue, visited in Whitby.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hermant, Cluny Crescent, will spend a month in the West Indies. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander, of Montreal, will join them at New York and will accompany them on their vacation trip.

Miss Therese Strauss, 32 Chestnut Park, visited in Whitby last week.

Mrs. L. Simon, 20 South Drive, will give a fancy dress party Saturday afternoon in celebration of the eighth birthday of her daughter, Margaret.

Dr. A. I. Willinsky, Madison Avenue, left Tuesday for a visit to Montreal.

Mrs. Herman Mendelson will entertain at bridge at the Primrose Club Thursday, March 2.

In honor of Miss Sara Griesman, of Winnipeg, an enjoyable dancing party was arranged by her friends at the Sunnyside Pavilion, Saturday evening.

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Saturday Morning Services

Mr. Riegelhaupt has been engaged by Rabbi Siegel to train the Sunday School children in congregational singing and also to give them instruction in folk melodies and national songs. His class meets every Monday evening at 7.30 in the Synagog chambers and consist at present of a choir of forty-five children with good voices. The choir will sing at the services every Saturday morning, leading the worshippers in congregational singing.

The sermon is delivered at 10.45. This Saturday Rabbi Siegel will speak on the section of the week and his text will be from Psalms 19:10—"The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true, righteous altogether."

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Lecture, Friday evening, February 24, will be the first in the series of "Moulders of Public Opinion." Subject of the lecture: "What Does the Synagog Stand For?" The young people of the city are particularly invited to attend the Friday evening lectures. Saturday morning, February 25, at 10.15. Sermon: "Judaism as a Religion of Law."

Last Sabbath we had a very successful and largely attended children's and parents' service. The boys, who were called up to the Torah were Harold Greenberg, Hyman Shalhoff, Eddie Goldhammer and Harry Singer.

The members of the two classes of the collegiate department of the Sabbath School enjoyed a beautiful social affair at the home of Mrs. H. Miller, 2 Chestnut Park Road, on Saturday, February 18. There were dancing, games, recitations and refreshments. The collegiate department expresses its thanks for this most enjoyable party, to Miss Mildred Lubelsky, Miss Helen Finberg and Miss Ella Fremes, all teachers of the school, who helped in the arrangements. The music was supplied by Miss Lillian Wecksler and Mr. Arthur Bain. Thanks are due them, and also to Mr. and Mrs. H. Miller on opening their beautiful home and for their splendid hospitality. The collegiate department is now arranging for some other affair to take place some time during the season.

BORN

At the Private Patients' Pavilion, Toronto General Hospital on Thursday, February 16, to Mr. and Mrs. D. Lou Harris (nee Eva Feldstein) 193 Close Avenue, a daughter.

ENGAGEMENTS

DAVIDSON—BEDER

Mr. and Mrs. B. Beder, 68 High Park Avenue, announce the engagement of their only daughter, Essie, to Mr. David Davidson, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Davidson, Toronto.

COHEN—WURSTHOF

Mr. and Mrs. I. Wursthof, 4 Orchard Park road, announce the engagement of their daughter, Esther, to Mr. Philip Cohen, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Cohen, of Toronto.

MARRIAGES

SOREN—HELLER

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Appelbaum, 43 Gorevale Avenue, was the scene of a pretty wedding when Miss Eva Heller was united in marriage to Mr. Abraham Soren, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Soren, Gorevale Avenue. Rabbi Gordon officiated. The bride wore a beautiful gown of white satin and tulle veil with crown of orange blossoms. The bride was given away by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Heller. Mrs. Rose Soren was matron of honor and Mr. Soren, brother of the groom, was best man. After the ceremony a dinner was served.

ASNER—CENTNER

At the home of the bride, 164 Grenadier Road, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion, the marriage of Miss Sylvia Centner, daughter of Mr. N. Centner, to Mr. Joseph Asner, was solemnized Wednesday evening. The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. S. Broderson. Her gown was of white crepe charmeuse embroidered in silver, and orange blossoms adorned her tulle veil. She carried a shower of white roses and lilies-of-the-valley. Miss Ray Asner as maid of honor looked charming in jade green georgette and carried sweetheart roses. Mr. Moe Centner acted as best man. Miss Shirley Goldstein, niece of the bride, played Mendelsohn's wedding march. After the ceremony the guests were received by Mrs. M. G. Goldstein sister of the bride, who was dressed in a French gown of brown lace and was assisted by the groom's mother, Mrs. N. Asner, wearing a French gown of black charmeuse with rose point lace. Among the out-of-town guests were Mr. J. A. Lonas Havergal, Mass.; Miss R. Schwartz, New York; Mr. and Mrs. H. Lunenfeld and Miss Ida Lunenfeld, Galt; Miss E. Cyglen, Meaford; and Mr. H. Lehr, Washington, D.C.

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The annual minstrel show and dance being held by the Judeans on Tuesday, March 7, at the Oddfellows' Temple, 229 College Street, is expected to be the hit of the season. The best musical numbers are being rehearsed by the minstrel show, under the direction of Charley Godfrey, noted black-face comedian, while Jones' orchestra will provide the music for the dancing. Members of the society are requested to keep this date open and secure tickets early.

B'NAI ZION NEWS

A pleasant social of the B'nai Zion Association was held at the Zionist Institute Sunday evening. About three hundred people attended. Rabbi J. Siegel was the speaker of the evening, and gave an interesting talk on Zionism. Miss D. Goldberg entertained with a violin solo, accompanied by her sister, Miss Kate Goldberg. Miss M. Litner gave a recital, and Master Mannie Roth, pupil of Luigivon Kunits of the Canadian Academy of Music, accompanied by George Roth, delighted the audience with violin selections. Refreshments were served.

G.S.S. CLUB

The semi-monthly meeting of the G.S.S. Club will take place at the home of Miss Helen Lubelsky, 257 Russell Hill Road, on Sunday, February 26, at two-thirty o'clock sharp.

ORION CLUB

The Orion is progressing very favorably. The athletic activities of the Club are in full swing and are represented by thirteen men in the "Y" boxing tourney.

The Club has reached the finals in the "Y" billiard elimination tournament, and is also giving a good account of itself in the bowling league.

The Club debating, checker and billiard leagues are progressing very favorably, and the competition is keen.

Orion is again showing the way in a new field of venture. The Club is staging an unique carnival at their clubrooms on Saturday evening next, which the social committee has been planning for weeks.

FELIX CLUB

The Felix basketball team still hold their position as leaders in the Y.W.H.A. inter-club league for the Granatstein trophy. Last Monday evening they defeated the Lits. Seniors by a score of 42-9. The game scheduled last Saturday evening with the Herzl was defaulted by the latter team. Next Sunday evening the degree team will perform the initiation ritual on Mr. B. Mendelsohn, their new applicant. The glee committee have arranged for two club nights each week, viz.: Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Checker and chess tournaments will be in progress. There are quite a number of whist enthusiasts and this tournament will be very closely contested. The committee are picking out the club's monologists and the Felix talent will be heard from very shortly. The Club's fifth annual dance will be held at Mosher's Arcadia on the evening of March 24, with the Novelty Sextette in attendance. Tickets can be obtained from all members.

RUTH GIRLS

The Ruth Girls of the Y.W.H.A. celebrated their first anniversary on Monday evening last at the King Edward School. Miss Thelma Goldberg, leader of the circle, received the parents of the members who were the guests of the evening. A delightful program of music, recitation and dancing was given by the girls, after which refreshments were served. A leather writing case was presented to Miss Goldberg.

THE JEWISH OLD FOLKS' HOME ELECTION

At the annual election held at the Jewish Old Folks' Home on Sunday, February 5, the following were elected: President, Mr. B. Weiss, by acclamation; vice-presidents, Mrs. Bloom Armonsky and Mrs. Crose; trustees, Mrs. R. Stone and Mrs. Freedhoff; treasurer, Rebechin Levy, by acclamation; recording secretary, Mrs. L. Goldstein, by acclamation. In the board of directors were: Messrs. I. Brodie, L. Levinsky, Harry Papernick, Isner, Bloom, Sheffer, Scher, N. Wilson, Beman, Weinstock, Messinger, and Mesdames Palter, Weiss, Halpern, Narrolle, Shawl, Cohen, Miller, Cohan and Greenberg.

In the executive were elected: Mesdames Finstein, Yankoff, Ginsberg, Wallikoff, Fingerhool, Stotteroff, Levy, Abramovitz, Meinberg, Glickman, Rossman, Cash, Levin, Miengarden, Gans and Poipish.

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WINNIPEG

Mrs. A. Rabinovich entertained at a house party on Saturday night, February 11, at her home, 78 Ethelbert Street, in honor of her guest, Miss Dollie Polinsky, of Duluth, and Mrs. M. Greenblat, who was visiting Mrs. B. Levi, Lincoln Apartments, and is also of Duluth.

Among the many Winnipegers who entertained for Mrs. M. Greenblat and Miss Dollie Polinsky, of Duluth, was Mrs. S. Hart Green, at luncheon and bridge on Friday, February 11.

Mrs. Frank Huffman was a hostess at the tea hour on Saturday afternoon, February 11, in honor of Mrs. M. Greenblat and Miss Dollie Polinsky, at the Royal Alexander Hotel.

Mrs. N. J. Weidman, Suite 11, St. Elmo Apartments, entertained at bridge on Tuesday afternoon, February 14, in honor of Mrs. H. M. Master, formerly Miss Lillian Isman.

Mrs. J. Finkleman, Suite 26, Panama Apartments, was hostess at a bridge on Thursday afternoon, February 16, in honor of Mrs. Sidney Robinson. Previous to her marriage, Mrs. Robinson was Miss Esther Vineberg.

Mrs. I. Ripstein, Cornwall Apartments, entertained at bridge on Thursday afternoon, February 16, in honor of Mrs. D. Balcovski, who is leaving shortly to make her home in Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Finklestein, 71 George Street, entertained at dinner on Friday evening, February 17, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. D. Balcovski, who shortly leave this city to make their home in Vancouver. Covers were laid for sixteen.

Miss F. Walker, Lansdowne Avenue, was hostess to a number of her friends at a snowshoe tramp on Monday evening, February 13. The party snowshoed for a couple of hours, after which they returned to Miss Walker's home. A delightful supper was served, and later the guests enjoyed a pleasant little dance.

Mrs. S. R. Robinson, St. Elmo Apartments, entertained on Monday afternoon, February 13, in honor of Winnipeg's most recent bride-elects, who have returned from their honeymoon trips. The honored guests were Mrs. Douglas V. Rosen, née Miss Goldie E. Diner, Mrs. H. M. Master, formerly Miss Lillian Isman, and Mrs. A. Vineberg, who, before her marriage, was Miss Gertrude Udow.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Adilman, who are guests at the Fort Garry Hotel, are spending a week in Winnipeg, en route for Montreal. Mr. and Mrs. Adilman have returned via Canada, after having spent a delightful honeymoon trip, visiting all parts of California. Mrs. Adilman was Miss Anna Mendelsohn, of Montreal, while Mr. Adilman is one of Winnipeg's own, having resided in Montreal for the past few years. Having a large connection of relatives as well as friends in Winnipeg, the young couple have been kept very busy with entertainments.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Druxerman, 2 Ruskin Row, received at a house dance on Sunday evening, February 12, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Adilman. Supper was served at 11.30, after which dancing was continued until the wee hours of the morning.

On Monday afternoon, February 13, Miss Ethel Tobias entertained at tea at the Royal Alexander Hotel, in honor of Mrs. Norman Adilman.

Mrs. Marcel Marcus, Suite 5, Waldron Apartments, entertained at bridge on Thursday afternoon, February 23, in honor of Mrs. Norman Adilman.

A recital of much interest in musical circles was that given by Professor Pallson's pupils at the Fort Garry Hotel on Wednesday evening, February 15. Some of our younger girls who took part in this well chosen program, were the Misses Esther Zimmerman, Sophie Zimmerman, Elsie Portigal, Frieda Rosner, and Rose Lechtzier. They are all deserving of the highest praise, and were, indeed, a credit to Professor Pallson.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Zimmerman entertained at Professor Pallson's recital at the Fort Garry Hotel on Wednesday evening, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Adilman. The party later attended the supper dance at the hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. John Levin, Kenmore Apartments, entertained at a house party on Thursday evening, February 16, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Adilman.

The Montefiore Club propose, in the near future, reviving their Friday night intellectual gatherings. They will take the form of an address by a speaker on a Jewish topic, and followed by an open debate or discussion. Many local men, both Jews and Gentiles, have promised to address the meetings.

It is, indeed, a pleasant sight to see the healthy, happy boys and girls trooping into the Montefiore Club, after a snowshoe tramp of a few miles along the river, and to be amongst them is to imbibe some of their hilarity and feel young again. The Club's Wednesday night tramps are as popular as ever, and a cordial invitation is extended to non-members to participate in this splendid winter sport.

A whist drive and dance was held in the Montefiore Club on Sunday, February 12, and about twenty tables of whist were kept going until ten-thirty, when the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing. Harry Stein's orchestra supplied the splendid program of dances. The prize winners of the evening were Miss Ray Feinstein and Mr. S. Lenoff.

That the Y.M.H.A. annual novelty dance was eagerly looked forward to, was very much evident when nearly three hundred couples attended their dance at the Alhambra on Tuesday evening, February 14. The excellent music furnished by the Alhambra jazz orchestra, and with the liberal distribution of novelties, caps and noisemakers, helped in making the evening a distinct social and financial success.

The Y.M.H.A. continues to run their regular Saturday night dances, the object being to bring the Jewish boys and girls of the city together under congenial surroundings.

On Wednesday evening, February 22, a grand union tramp of all Jewish snowshoers, under the Y.M.H.A. auspices, will be held at the "Y" Assembly Hall, with the object of getting together all unattached Jewish snowshoers. A special orchestra has been engaged, and it is hoped to make this an unusual event.

The annual snowshoe races of the "Y" Snowshoe Club will take place on Sunday afternoon, February 26. Valuable prizes are offered for competition, and a very big entry list is expected.

The question of a junior "Y" was approved of at a recent Board meeting of the Y.M.H.A., and now only awaits the sanction of the general body for endorsation.

The workers of the Hadassah Bazaar, which will be held on February 26-27-28, are, indeed, using all their efforts in order to make the bazaar a success. There have been showers and silver teas arranged for the various booths, and the bazaar, being in aid of such a worthy cause, will deserve the patronage of all the Jewish population of Winnipeg.

The Young Women's Hebrew Association recently held a reorganization meeting for the purpose of reviving interest in their association. Whilst a number of young women joined, the number was disappointing. It is indeed a pity that Jewish young women of Winnipeg have not yet realized their opportunity through the Y.W.H.A. Perhaps a visit of some of the leaders of other Y.W.H.A.'s would assist to stimulate activity and awaken the desire which is at present so dormant here. This organization should certainly be encouraged to the utmost, as it is very deserving of every Jewish young woman's support.

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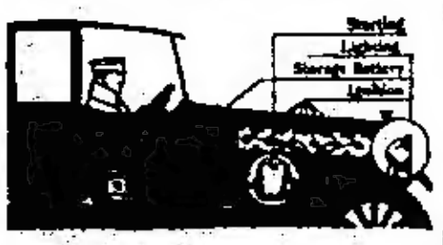

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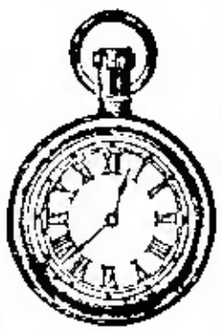

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Across the road from Stephen S. Wise's "Free Synagog" there is another worshipful auditorium where, on Sundays, public questions are presented in attractive form before the devout congregants. We allude to the Calvary Baptist Church, where the Rev. John Roach Straton officiates.

Last Sunday the Rev. Straton caused no end of commotion by an exposition of the degeneracy of the present-day American stage, after which William A. Brady, the theatrical manager, was invited to answer from the pulpit, at the invitation of William H. Anderson, the prohibition cheer-leader.

Mr. Brady answered. His answer is hardly consequential and the episode would have no place on this page had it not been that the Rev. Straton proclaimed that the American stage was under the thralldom of Jews, and asked why it was that the stage did not rid itself of this bondage. This infers that the Jews are responsible for the condition the Rev. Straton outlined, and naturally places the subject safely within our limits.

It would be pleasant, like Mr. Brady, to wax wrathful, and, like him, reel off a list of names of managers who are not of us and shout with many a thump of fist on palm that the American stage is a highly moral institution. But it can't be done. As a matter of fact, the gist of the Rev. Straton's words is quite true.

In the past few years, the American stage has attained a degree of sexual frankness and coarse vulgarity that may be astonishing to future historians, and it is largely the Jewish element among the producers who are responsible for this condition.

As Mr. Brady said, it is true that the public favors this sort of play and rewards its producer with many shekels, but that is in no way an apology and reason for shifting the blame, since it is quite natural and simple to bring out humanity's yellow streak if you cater to it. Conscientious public men try to have it repressed.

The Rev. Straton stated a fact when he said that the American stage as well as the screen, is controlled by Jews. He may have gone farther, and extended his remarks to the world theatricals. The theatre everywhere is under the influence of Jews. But without this influence, the theatre would stagnate. The theatre needs us and must have us because, more than any other race, we have the theatrical instinct deeply imbedded in our natures. The theatre is one of the natural homes for our inspiration. We develop it; we make of it a success; we advance it when it has reached a phase of conventional coma.

It is, however, equally true that our keen theatrical instinct is frequently coupled with that other keen instinct, the commercial, and when we combine the two, we see that large profits can be realized by giving the people what they want, heedless of whether these wants are normal or abnormal.

It is the producers who have taken to exploiting the abnormal wants of the people who have had a hand in the low state of morality on the American stage and screen. This is a page of paragraphs, and is hardly the medium to go into extended details. But let the interested student seek the responsible source for the boudoir wave on Broadway and the low moral fibre of the screen, which brought in its wake censorship boards and the engagement of a bulwark in the person of Will Hays, and the tracks will lead unmistakably to the Trail.

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To continue our revelations in the operatic field, we will have with us this week several more members of the Chicago Opera, and incorporate in this chronicle a Riga coincidence. Joseph Schwartz, the baritone, who so brazenly keeps to the name of his fathers, was born in Riga, and so was James Wolf, the basso. If information is correct, both singers began their professional singing lives in the synagog, and now both are with the same organization. The Riga influence has prevailed. If Hermann Jadlowker, the European tenor, were here, we could also include him in this coincidental anecdote, for he, too, hails from Riga and passed his early days under the directorial thumb of the cantor.

Schwartz has recently come into newspaper prominence through his announced marriage with the widow of Sielikin, the coffee king. The widow is reputed to be worth several millions and Schwartz is one of the handsomest men on the operatic stage. The couple have, therefore, every reason to be proud of each other.

Mary Garden gave Schwartz his American opportunity in opera. He came to this country for concert appearances, and Miss Garden decided to test him out at a performance of "Rigoletto" last season. This appearance was so successful that a few more performances were arranged for him before the season closed, and then Schwartz was given a contract.

Now, as millionaire and operatic star, Joseph Schwartz can look back upon his career with astonishment. His father wanted to apprentice him to a tailor. The boy was startled and shocked at the prospect, and ran away from home. There followed wanderings and sufferings in plenty until the kind fates presented him with a debut at Lintz, Bohemia. After this, life became easier. He received operatic engagements in Grantz, then he returned in prodigal triumph to his native Riga, an important operatic personage.

Schwartz has been heard and admired in the European capitals and he is now achieving a fine success in America.

James Wolf wanted to be a ballet dancer, and his first dancing duties were to clash a pair of cymbals as an Ethiopian boy in the "Aida" ballet. When he did so, he did not realize that years later he would sing the role of the High Priest in Verdi's famous masterpiece.

When Wolf found that his voice was better than his dancing, he engaged in vocal study and made a first appearance at the opera in Riga.

After this, like Schwartz, he sang in the various European capitals, making his specialty the Wagnerian roles. He was brought to America to appear at the centenary performances of the opera in Mexico City, after which he joined the Chicago Opera, although he appeared originally with the "Russian Isba," which can be compared to Balieff's "Bat Theatre," which is charming New York audiences to-day.

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Edward Lankow is another member of the Chicago Opera—a basso. When he was a youngster, people knew him as Eddie Rosenberg, the son of a pawnbroker, and one of the pillars of the Congregation Zichron Ephraim, New York.

Lankow was born in Tarrytown, N.Y., and studied voice in New York City. At the age of eighteen, he won a scholarship in competition with five hundred other aspirants for vocal honors. His professional debut was made one Sunday night in vaudeville at what is now known as the Loew Roof, on Broadway.

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His professional career began as one of the party of Adelina Patti during her last farewell tour. A concert trip with Mischa Elman in Europe followed, together with appearances with the London Symphony Orchestra, and then he achieved his first notable deed by being selected by Debussy for the role of Arkel in "Pelleas and Melisande."

He returned to his native country to appear with the now defunct Boston Opera Company, making his debut as Sarastro in Mozart's "Magic Flute." He was very successful with the Bostonites and later sang the role with the Metropolitan.

When the war broke out, he was a "sing" leader. To-day most people have forgotten such things as mass singing. Gone are the teachings of the fiery leaders who used to stand on a platform or soap-box and exhort us to sing, sing, sing! With the end of the war, community singing ceased to be, but while this curious musical phenomenon was popular, Lankow was one of its leaders in the army.

Where our basso got his name shows an interesting mode of procedure in such cases. While in Europe, he studied at Vienna under a lady who bore the name Lankow. This name Rosenberg adopted as more melodious than his own for professional purposes.

Yet another member of the Chicago Opera who is privileged to enter into our circle here is Irene Pavloska, the contralto. Miss Pavloska, as a girl, signed her name as Irene Levy, and comes from Montreal, Canada. At present this singer takes leading "secondary" roles, but she has the voice, beauty and temperament to graduate to leading "first." During the summer months, Miss Pavloska does take "leading firsts" in opera. This is in performances of the Municipal Opera at St. Louis, where excellent productions of light opera are given in summer.

This concludes this week's operatic list. But there are more to follow. Don't miss them.

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The latest potential star to appear in the boxing skies is a young chap, carrying the awful name of Moe Herscovitch. Mr. Herscovitch is a contender for the welterweight title, and at this writing his friends have planned to throw down the gauntlet to the present welterweight champion, Jack Britton, at his battle this week with a certain Dave Shade. Mr. Herscovitch's backers are throwing in an offer of $40,000 with the gauntlet.

Herscovitch is a new type of boxer which has made itself evident but rarely. He is using fighting as a means of financing himself through college to a law degree. Herscovitch comes from Canada, of which country he is the amateur champion of his class. At eighteen he enlisted for service overseas—that was in 1915—and was wounded four times. He was assigned to the army of occupation when the war ended.

When Herscovitch returned home, he found that his father had lost his money in business and was also seriously injured from the effects of an explosion. The returned soldier found that he had not the means to resume his law studies and took to boxing to help himself out and also to help support his family.

He found, at length, that one cannot serve two masters, and he abandoned his law studies for a time to devote his time exclusively to boxing.

He is now twenty-four years of age and is classed by those who are in a position to render a verdict, as clever and intelligent in his adopted profession. He sincerely likes boxing, else he would not have won 145 medals and fourteen cups as an amateur, and represented Canada at the Olympic games in 1920.

To date, his professional engagements have numbered nine, and he is said to have shown enough promise to make him a hopeful champion in prospect.

While we are having our occasional say on the sports, let us also inform you—unless, and as we suspect, you chuckle amusedly over our belated sport news—that Benny Leonard, who recently downed another aspirant for his crown, has a brother, Joe, age nineteen, whom he is quietly grooming for the ring.

As you see, very soon we shall have more representatives in the fighting line than—well, what shall we choose first?—JOSEPH KAYE.

HUNGARIAN SOLDIER WOUNDED EIGHT TIMES; INTERNED AS AN ALIEN

Budapest (J. P. A.)—Alexander Abend has been interned as an alien Jew, notwithstanding the fact that he was a Hungarian soldier and was wounded eight times on the field of battle. He himself was born in Hungary; his parents, who were interned together with him, lived there more than 30 years.

EMIGRANTS' AID FOUNDED IN EGYPT

Cairo (J. P. A., by mail)—The first annual convention of the "Association to Aid Palestinean Emigrants" was held here last week. During the last year, the first of its existence, this association extended aid to 178 Palestinean emigrants, who were obliged, because of various reasons, to leave Palestine. A small part of them remained in Egypt.

THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND FOREIGN JEWS IN GERMANY

Berlin (By mail, J. P. A.)—The official census states that there are not more than 300,000 foreign Jews in Germany. Thus is punctured the bubble of the "Jewish Menace" which the Antisemites have so loudly proclaimed.

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Jerusalem (By mail, J. P. A.)—The government has notified all dairymen and those owning their own cows to sell them or to move without the city limits. This measure is taken not only to preserve the beauty of the city, but also as a sanitary precaution.

At a meeting held by those affected by this ordinance, it was decided to build a new quarter outside the city limits. In the meanwhile, the government was petitioned to postpone the effect of the order for nine months. There are altogether fifty families affected by this order.

JEWISH-HUNGARIAN BARON AND PHILANTHROPIST DEAD

Budapest (J. P. A.)—Baron Bela Dirstei died here yesterday. The deceased was formerly named Fishel and was a descendant of an old Jewish aristocratic family always known because of its charity in supporting hundreds of rabbis and other "Klei Kodesh."

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United Synagog Council Discusses New Testament Teaching—109th Psalm under Discussion in Christian Church—Gift to Jerusalem University—National News Items—Jewish Hospital Meetings—Jewish Historical Society Hear Interesting Paper on Mediæval Science.

London, January 27, 1922.

At the meeting of the Council of the United Synagog held to inquire into the New Testament teaching in synagogue classes, as I anticipated in my letter on the subject some weeks ago, the trouble has broken out again, and now appears to have spread seriously. The chairman of the council read a letter from the chief rabbi which was written in reply to a question by Sir R. W. Cohen, which makes the attitude of Dr. J. H. Hertz at last a little more clear. The letter inter alia says: "While in the peculiar circumstances I did not inhibit or disallow the well-intentioned step taken by the Rev. A. A. Green on the advice of a renowned scholar of unswerving orthodoxy, I have not hitherto sanctioned and do not intend to sanction or permit the reading of the New Testament in synagog classes." The chairman in course of his speech said, "I want to say at the outset that I personally do not think there can be the slightest doubt that what Mr. Green did was right. He was asked by some senior students that he should . . . . give some guidance to them so that they might be fortified and informed of the true Jewish view of the New Testament . . . . The facts can certainly not have been known to the various gentlemen who seem hastily to have made the extraordinary assumption that Mr. Green, with the approval of the chief rabbi, was teaching the New Testament to the children of his classes in such a way as to undermine their Judaism. I think that Mr. Green and the chief rabbi were entitled to a more generous attitude." Later he said, "I would like to add one word to the press. Harsh judgments are sometimes expressed upon controversies in the press, especially when they arise from a point of view with which any given paper might not be in agreement." He then expressed his desire to see that council, the press, and the general community combined in supporting the spiritual leaders. The meeting had to listen to somewhat severe strictures on some aspects of the chairman's attitude, resulting in a motion of censure being submitted which after some discussion was withdrawn. This discussion need not be particularized as it was not of first-rate importance to the main point under consideration, and an effort on the part of some of those present to formally find fault with the conduct of the chief rabbi, particularly as to want of clearness in dealing with the question, led the chairman under advice to refuse discussion of the chief rabbi's action, and to bring the meeting to a close.

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On the ground that the 109th Psalm is not only unchristian, but anti-Christian, the vicar of St. John the Evangelist, Leeds, the Rev. d'Arcy Rudd, announced to his congregation on Sunday last that he proposed to expunge it from the Psalter of his church. He had been told, he said, though he had not counted them himself, that the Psalm contained thirty different curses. These verses, he said, were written by a vindictive Jew longing for revenge. He would like to see these Psalms which did his co-religionists no good cut out altogether, he said. They were of no spiritual value at all. The Rev. C. Cheshire, Warden of Lidden House, and an expert on modern religious tendencies, made the outspoken comment that "The fashion of cutting out the plain spoken passages of the Bible is best described as 'rot.'" He continues "I hate the idea of expurgation when the Prayer Book says something we don't agree with. A proposal to rewrite 'Gulliver's Travels' would be equally abhorrent to me." Further he said, "The Psalms, especially the imprecatory Psalms like the 109th, represent a definite phase in human life, and I am strongly against this proposal to tamper with them. Behind this proposal is the modern cult of sentimentalism which persists in ignoring the existence of evil. It is absurd to attempt this. The Psalmists were fighting for their very life. Their beliefs and ideals were in jeopardy. They were surrounded by all kinds of beastliness against which they fought relentlessly, though in a hopeless minority. Hence the note of passion in these Psalms." The Rev. Archibald Fleming, D.D., of the Presbyterian Church, said, "You can't purge the Bible to suit any particular age. Its religious lessons are for all the ages."

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Judicial Councillor W. Hansmann, of Ardensee (Mechlenburg) has contributed a very valuable gift to the Jerusalem University in the form of foundation capital for an Institute for Research in Cancer, being the proceeds of the sale of valuable lands in Berlin, covering seven Prussian acres and valued in 1914 by German authorities at 510,000 marks.

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Among other national news items it is interesting to note that the Jewish employees on the railway in Palestine have decided to publish an organ of their own. The municipality of Jaffa applied for 50 per cent. of the shares of the Ruthenberg scheme and in view of Mr. Ruthenberg's refusal to entertain the application, the matter has been submitted to the government. The Palestine government has instituted proceedings against the anti-Zionist Arab newspaper, El-Sabah. The Arab press publishes bitter articles advising the Arabs not to rely on England or France to save them from the Jews, but on themselves. An interview was granted by General Gouraud on January 7 to Dr. S. Schiffer. Various matters connected with Zionism were discussed and the High Commissioner spoke in eulogistic terms of the Chaluzim. In a letter of Dr. Schiffer, Mr. Lyautier (General Gourand's principal civil secretary) stated that the frontiers between the territories mandated to France and England, respectively, were in course of being defined by a mixed commission, which would not fail to take into account the lessons of history and the real interests of the peoples of Palestine and Syria. Dr. Schiffer is well known in France for his historical and geographical writings on the Near East and was therefore able to speak authoritatively on Zionism.

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The third annual meeting of the North London Branch of the Jewish Hospital was held last Sunday at the board room of the New Synagog, Stamford Hill. As a result of the year's work, nearly £500 has been forwarded to the parent body. During the year the Delphic Dramatic Society has given two dramatic performances in aid of the funds, and a dance has also been held. Mr. O. E. Warburg, M.A., O.B.E., chairman of the Public Health Committee of the London County Council, delivered an address on the "Policy of Its Public Health Department" in matters affecting the London area. He stated that he was a heart and soul believer in voluntary effort. The large attendance at the Jewish Hospital proved quite conclusively the great need for its establishment. The unfortunate factor in the meeting was a very poor attendance, due no doubt to a heavy fog.

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The annual meeting of members of the Jewish Historical Society was held on Monday at University College. Dr. R. N. Salaman was in the chair. He submitted the annual report, which contemplated the holding of meetings in the provinces. Dr. C. Singer read a paper on the "Share of the Jews in Mediæval Science," treating the subject chiefly from the medical point of view. He said there has never been a period in the world's history when science or any branch of science had had an especially Jewish tinge. This did not mean that Jews had not made and were not making important contributions to science. In religion alone the Jewish contribution to civilization had been given a complexion that was unmistakably Jewish. The Morning Post and Mrs. Webster had made the preposterous suggestions that Jews invented a revolution. An equally misguided but friendly student of Jewish history had written a book to maintain the equally preposterous thesis that the Jews invented hygiene. Both suggestions were demonstrably false. Dr. Singer later gave some account of Constantine of Africa, reputed to have been a Jew, who was connected with the great medical school of Salerno. He also showed some interesting lantern slides of old manuscripts illustrating cabalistic science.

ZIONISM TO BE ATTACKED IN PARLIAMENT

London (J. P. A.)—The British Parliament opened here yesterday, and several interpellations about Palestine and Zionism have already been noted for discussion. The problem of Egypt is to occupy a dominant place in the deliberations of Parliament. The enemies of Zionism intend to avail themselves of this to launch a fresh attack upon Zionism, blaming the liberal Anglo-Jewish policy in Palestine for the unrest among the Arabs in Egypt.

INTERPELLATIONS IN HUNGARIAN PARLIAMENT ABOUT MURDER OF JEWS

Budapest (J.P.A.)—Gruesome and brutal murders of Jews have again become a matter of frequent occurence. A mutilated and decapitated body of a Jew was recently found next to the Cathedral itself; by the documents in his clothes, he was identified as a carpenter from Vienna, named Deutsch.

Near Szourâni, there was found the corpse of a Galician Jewish merchant by the name of Moses Wiesenfeld. There is evidence implicating the gendarmerie in his murder, as he has disappeared ever since his arrest by them.

Several of the opposition deputies are gathering material about this and other similar murders to interpellate the government about it at the next session of Parliament.

Vienna (J. P. A.)—Professor Nivard Shlegel, instructor of Oriental languages in the University of Vienna, who is known for his translation of the Babylonic Talmud, has just published his new work, "The Holy Writings of the New Testament." For some unknown reason, it is reported, the Vatican has laid its veto upon this book; it is, therefore, prohibited in all Christian homes and institutions.